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## KANSAS IS SPARED PUBLIC EXECUTION

### Efforts to Prevent a Legal Hanging in Kansas Successful

Kansas has again been spared the spectacle of a hanging on the federal reservation in a state where there has not been a legal hanging for a generation and where capital punishment has been legally abolished for years. At 5 o'clock yesterday O. T. Woods, United States marshal for Kansas, received a telegram from the federal pardon board at Washington informing him that the death sentence of William White, colored, had been commuted to life imprisonment. Word was at once sent to White, who has been confined in the Shawnee county jail awaiting execution at Leavenworth on January 12.

Marshal Wood returned last night from Washington where he had talked with Senator W. H. Thompson on the matter of a commutation of the sentence and a date for a discussion of the matter with President Wilson had been made for Thursday. The action of the pardon board apparently followed immediately, according to Mr. Wood.

White was originally sentenced to be hanged in December and plans for the execution had been made when Governor Capper and the Topeka Chamber of Commerce took the matter up by telegraph with President Wilson and secured a reprieve of thirty days. Yesterday morning when White had apparently given up hope and complained that the attorneys, who had conducted the defense, had apparently deserted him, Major A. M. Harvey and J. E. Addington offered their services to the condemned man and spent the day perfecting an appeal, which they expected to present to Judge J. C. Pollock

at Kansas City. With the commuting of the sentence of life imprisonment the application for an appeal will probably be dropped, Major Harvey stated last night.—Capital.

W. G. Stewart, one of the members of the H. W. Witt Real Estate Company, left on No. 2 Friday for eastern points.

## OUR LINOTYPE HAS BEEN SHIPPED

The Democrat is in receipt of a message from the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, that our new linotype machine was shipped January 10th. Just how long it will take for it to make the trip is uncertain, but as it comes as a car shipment it should not be over ten days.

Mr. C. E. Grimes, now with the Newton, Kansas, Daily Journal, will arrive the 13th, and will have charge of the machine.

The new job press, type and other equipment for the job department has been shipped several days and is due to arrive any time.

With these additions there is no reason why the Democrat should not be able to satisfactorily handle all business that may come our way.

## WOOD MOTOR COMPANY DISTRIBUTE FROM HERE

R. E. Wood of the Wood Motor Company was here Wednesday in the interests of the Chevrolet car. He will have a car load of Chevrolet's here soon and is arranging to open a local agency. He has four southwest Kansas counties and will distribute from Liberal for this territory.

To a representative of The Democrat Mr. Wood said: "The Chevrolet has been greatly improved this season. Among the valuable features being four doors, valve-in-head motor, chrome vanadium steel axle and gear shifts, ventilating wind shield, mohair top, etc. The Model 490 at \$550 delivered, fully equipped is one of the very best automobile values on the market."

## AULT SOLD FEED STORE TO CAYTON

### A Brother of Mr. Cayton Will Manage The Feed Business

Another business change occurred this week when J. G. Ault disposed of his feed business to L. M. Cayton, who is now in charge of the business.

Mr. Cayton came here five years ago from Colorado, and has practiced as a Veterinary since. He will still continue his practice. His brother, Elmer, is here from Trinidad, Colorado, and will have the management of the feed business.

The business will be conducted at the old stand, where Mr. Cayton will also have his office.

They will handle everything pertaining to a first class feed store and will appreciate a share of the patronage of the public.

## POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS MAKE HUGE GAINS

Postmaster Irwin gives the Democrat some interesting figures in regard to the business of the Liberal office. As the business of the post-office is a sure guide to the activities of the town we are glad to note the increase.

Postal receipts for 1911 were \$9,098.95; for 1916, \$14,448.32, a gain of \$5,349.37.

Money orders issued in 1911, 7,935 representing a value of \$52,241.04. Number issued in 1916, 11,612, with a value of \$63,704.22. This shows a gain of 3,677 in number and \$11,463.18 in value.

Money orders paid in 1911, \$14,489.18, and in 1916, \$14,488.08.

J. W. Fizer, who has been in the city for several weeks on business, was called home by a telegram Friday.

## EVANS HARNESS CO. SUCCEEDS EIDSON

### A New Firm Takes Over Successful Harness Business

A business change, the announcement of which will create no little surprise, occurred in Liberal, January 1st, when C. W. Eidson sold his harness business to a new firm to be known as the Evans Harness Company, composed of J. N. Evans, Ernest Evans and C. Earl Ames.

Mr. Eidson has been in business so long and seemed so firmly established that no one dreamed that he contemplated making a change.

The members of the new firm are old residents here. J. N. Evans came to Western Kansas when there was little here except buffalo grass. He has taken part in the affairs of the county almost since it was a county, was later postmaster and is at the present time assistant cashier of the People's State Bank, being one of the organizers of the institution. He will remain in the bank.

Ernest Evans, son of J. N. Evans, is another member who needs no introduction. He is a Seward county boy. He secured his education in the Liberal schools, supplementing it with a course at Southwestern Academy and St. John Military Academy at Salina. He has grown to manhood here, and Christmas day took a bride whom he will establish here in a new home.

C. Earl Ames also has been here a number of years. He has been with the Eidson store and is well and favorably known by the patrons of the store. He is a good business man, understands the needs of the public and, as manager of the business is sure to be successful.

Ernest Evans will assist in the store and learn the business.

This business has long been recognized as one of the best in this part of the country. The goods handled, and work done here being of high quality. It has enjoyed a liberal patronage which will no doubt continue to come to the new firm, and the members are to be congratulated on securing it.

Mr. Eidson will go to his ranch in Colorado where he expects to make his home. Should he decide to remain The Democrat and a wide circle of friends of the family wish them all success and happiness. And should they desire to come back at any future time they will find a warm welcome awaiting them.

## DIED

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Burris Wright died Tuesday, January 9th, and was laid to rest January 10th. The little one was born Christmas day and though it had only been on earth a few days leaves a vacant place in the home and sorrow in the hearts of the fond parents who are left to mourn the baby's departure.

## NEW COUNTY OFFICERS

The county officials elected last fall were installed Monday and are now holding down their respective offices. The following is the lineup of county officials for the ensuing two years: O. E. Dobson succeeds himself as sheriff; J. W. Campbell succeeds himself as probate judge; Abe K. Stouffer succeeds himself as county clerk; C. W. Finley succeeds himself as register of deeds; G. L. Light succeeds C. R. Commons as county attorney; Chas. M. Tucker succeeds G. L. Light as clerk of the district court; H. D. Massoni succeeds W. C. Stout as county commissioner from the Third district; J. F. Fuest succeeds himself as commissioner from the Second district; and Dr. A. L. Knisely will again be coroner. No change is made at this time in the offices of county treasurer and superintendent of public instruction. The change in these offices will be made next July. At that time T. S. Locke will succeed himself as treasurer, and Miss Emma Thompson will succeed A. B. Fullmer as superintendent. The county officials are now evenly divided between the two parties, the Democrats numbering as follows: Dobson, Finley, Tucker, Massoni, Thompson and Knisely; the Republicans: Campbell, Stouffer, Light, Locke, Fuest and Antrim.

Mrs. W. A. Knight left Friday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. O. J. Gross and family.

## ODD FELLOWS INSTALL THEIR NEW OFFICERS

The I. O. O. F. Lodge installed officers at the regular meeting Tuesday evening. The following officers were installed:

G. L. Light, N. G.  
W. O. Nelson, V. G.  
F. E. Gallaway, Trustee.  
R. H. Malone, R. S. N. G.  
F. S. Davis, L. S. N. G.  
Oscar Ribbins, Warden.  
H. W. Rolo, Chaplain.  
J. U. Smith, I. G.  
Joe Rudolph, O. G.  
Roy See, R. S. S.  
Joe Elliott, L. S. S.  
R. W. Dickerson, R. S. V. G.  
A. B. Mitchell, L. S. V. G.

Secretary T. E. Rutledge was elected and duly installed to fill the unexpired term of A. B. Fullmer. The Secretary and Treasurer, J. N. Evans, hold their offices until in June. H. W. Lane, D. D. G. M., and Frank Skinner, D. D. G. Marshal, were the installing officers.

A remarkable fact which is seldom witnessed in the Order was that every elected officer was present to be installed, and great interest is evidenced among the members of the lodge at the present time.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

Sabbath School, 9:45 a. m.  
Meeting for worship, 11 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.  
Meeting for worship, 8 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

BENJ. H. ALBERTSON,  
Pastor.

## CANTALOUPE BUSINESS NEEDS DEVELOPING

### Conductor Stevenson Has Plan For Southwest Cantaloupe growers

C. G. Stevenson, president of the Pratt Commercial Club, and who has been conductor on the Golden State Limited train for a number of years and has been watching the development of the country as he makes his daily trips over the road the last 26 years, was here last week looking into the matter of organizing a good working association which will be able to handle the sale of the cantaloupe yield in this particular section of the southwest.

Mr. Stevenson is of the opinion that there is a better way for the melon growers to handle the product. It appears that the local organizations along the road have been raising the melons, but beyond packing and loading them on the cars nothing further is done insofar as selling to the best advantage is concerned. "The idea has been, apparently," says Mr. Stevenson, "to start the shipment and then trust to the Lord and the commission men to sell them and send back what the commission men saw fit to pay the producers. I was trainmaster at Dalhart during the cantaloupe season of 1904-5-6 and I have

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